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In re Patent Application of)
Osamu SUZUKI et al.) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
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ACIDS AND LIPID CONTAINING)
SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 9 and 16, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for producing arachidonic acid or lipid containing arachidonic acid comprising the steps of culturing a microorganism, belonging to the genus [Mortierella] Mortierella and having resistance to a carbon source of high concentration, in a medium having a carbon source concentration of at least 4% by weight at the start of

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